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Sir:

The above-referenced patent application was filed on July 10, 2003. Subsequently, a Notice of Publication dated July 1, 2004 was received. No Office Action has been received to date. Applicants respectfully request notification from the Patent Office of the status of a first Office Action.

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